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is Blocking Drivers' Right to Elections?

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Union and its negotiating commitee, headed by John L. Lewis, is line for congratulations on the em. And we mean like.

For five long and stormy manths, Lewis and his committee have said "no" to every proposal which did not include an additional 40c a day for the southern miners. On July 7 the Southern operators capitulated, on the very eve of another coal strike. The new contract runs for two years, all terms retreactive to April 1, and provides \$7.00 a day for miners, vacations, seniority, and the elimination of the old "reject" clause which allowed the mine owners to deduct for faulty coal from the miners' pay envelopes.

ages equal to those paid their or its wage differentials, not only their jobs through government Lewis and the CIO and the Amerimining but in all industries. It ollows logically now that other nions in that area will step up heir demands for the elimination of this geographical disparity.

The CIO, as a driving force for progress, hit the headlines wice this week with Washington date lines. Last week we reported on the CIO Legslative Conference, in which resolutions were passed severely scoring the Administraien plans for stiff anti-labor legislation. Committees were et up at the conference to confer with the President, Vice - president Wallace, Speaker Rayburn, House Misority Leader MacCormack, and the majority and minority leaders in the senate.

The New York Times reported July 8, that after CIO Presiit Murray had spent some time th President Roosevelt, the spaper reporters found the osphere on Capitol Hill conrably changed." And on July the Times headlines a story 18: "President Frowns on Forced bor Peace. . . Executive Said Have Told House Leaders He ould Bar Troops Use ... " The ry goes on to tell of how Presiit Murray of the CIO met with president alone, how commitappointed at the CIO confermet with Wallace, Rayburn McCormick, and of how, as a ult of these meetings, the athere had been altered-

At any rate the two vicious es of anti-labor logislaion were voted down in the found, and the hill which inipassed them sent on to the als with only one paragraph of its original content still intest. That part of the May bill which is left provides hat the term of service for fraften may be extended to my limit the president sees ft, that new men may be indected into the army in any unber Rossevolt wants, that he army may be used in any part of the world, and that (Continued on page 4)

On the National Picket Line That Hurls Back The United Mine Workers Inion and its negotiating commit-

In line for congratulations on the ligning of the southern bituminous coal contract. When they come any bull-dogged and tenacious Bills Resoundingly Defeated—Poll-Tax Congressmen Win \$125,000,000 Breaking Activities—CIO Again Demands Increased WPA Appropriations, No Tax Increases on Workers -Needed: A National Labor Party

> If today organized labor in America is not faced with law outlawing strikes, a law that would subject pickets | 000,000 yearly for its members, national administration against anticipating and characterizing to prison sentences of five years plus large fines, the the N. Y. Times reported last 544 and the CIO, are based upon these indictments. They then workers can largely thank the CIO. The CIO successfully Sunday. led the struggle against the Connally-May Bill, the Vinson Bill and the Ball Bill, all of which+ were resoundingly defeated last they have to have three. That

week in Congress. With the pressure of the CIO members of Congress. upon the politicians in Congress "And I am wondering how some paragraph deferring from the have voted against saying they taling about \$15,000,000 yearly. draft all men over 28. The origi- condemn violence and intimidation nal bill called for severe criminal and voted to do that because mempenalties for union pickets who bers of the CIO came to their thern fields are receiving vided for government seizure of with the threat of political deone of the biggest forward steps ernment protection for strike- CIO. That is the situation. We

> CIO Leads Fight Though the AFL and the railroad brotherhoods made perfunccrushing legislation, it was the Congress of Industrial Organizations that organized and conducted

July 7th a meeting of represenin Washington, at the call of Presi- spring of 1935 the paper was retive imposters of the poll tax states.

The effective work of the CIO resentative from Virginia.

"Why do these (CIO) 'goon could have told us just as much purchase it within thirty days. about this case as three. But, no, l

About 200,000 workers at Gen-throw the government." eral Motors have won a 10c hourly Bill was whittled down to one when they go home tonight and bonuses of \$45, the aggregate to-

baker employees won an 8c increase last month.

Local 544-CIO Issues tory protests against the union-

The reader will note on the masthead of this issue apolis and the nation." the fight that killed off the plots the new name of the weekly paper published by Local of the labor-hating Congressmen. 544-CIO-the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER. In the spring of 1934, old Local 574 began issuance this week, and will be released im-

atives of all national affiliates and of its first paper, the Organizer; during that summer the mediately on bail, which has been state councils of the CIO was held Organizer appeared as a daily strike bulletin. In the set at \$5,000 each. Arraignment

dent Phillip Murray. The CIO vived as the Northwest Organizer. Northwest Organizer - June 12, ing tentatively scheduled for next spokesmen went to work with a When the union returned to To- 19, 26, July 3 and 10-appeared October. The work of Local 544will, as is evident from the news bin's International Teamsters, Lo- as the official organ of the Motor CIO will continue without interstories from Washington and the cal 544 freely turned over to the Transport and Allied Workers ruption, towards the goal of estaboutraged whines from the legisla- Teamsters Joint Council the North- Union Local 544-CIO. west Organizer and the secondclass mailing permit.

little touch of intimidation on

Up to the issue of June 12, squads' call on you gentlemen in Council officials tried to block the squads of three?" Smith shrieked issuance of the paper. They finaltimidation. One of them of course with the provision they might re-The next five issues of the

After a lot of legal hocus-pocus, during which the Teamsters Joint Council disavowed the authority can best be described by one of 1941, the Northwest Organizer of its executive board in selling its enemies, "Poll Tax" Smith, rep- was published as the official or- the Northwest Organizer to Local ecutive board of Local 544-CIO: gan of the Teamsters Council. At 544. Tobin's agents finally repress-time that week, Teamsters purchased the paper. This was a federal grand jury against many to his House colleagues. "It is a ly agreed to sell the paper back to that founded, published and edited timed with the aim of seeking to little part of the technique of in- its original possessor, Local 544, the Northwest Organizer. Our disrupt the campaign of the CIO deter the leaders and members of tempt for this added evidence of dustry-wide elections to determine union sabotage on the part of To- the union bargaining agent. bin and his agents.

cation of the INDUSTRIAL OR- national CIO has already set in GANIZER. The new name is much motion the necessary machinery to more appropriate and fitting to insure that adequate bonds will be describe the industrial unionism forthcoming to gain the speedy rewhich Local 544 has always spon- lease of the persecuted unionists." IZER will carry on the militant neapolis and the nation." labor traditions of its honorable

Street North, Minneapolis, Minn.

Federal Indictments Won't Stop CIO, 544 Fight for Unionism

National CIO Officials Notify Frank Barnhart Will Furnish Bail For All Victims-CIO Will Intensify Campaign to Organize Motor Transport and Allied Workers Here-544-CIO Statement Lashes Tobin for Conniving To Smear CIO

The federal indictments handed down Tuesday by a men, and that the men want elec- dismissing the 544-CIO petition for federal grand jury in St. Paul against almost a score of tions. The union has been able to an election on the grounds that Shriek with Horror at Power of Labor Lobby—John
L. Lewis Lashes Roosevelt and Hillman for Strike
Yearly Wage Raise the union or the CIO from continuing its campaign to signed by the majority of the drivers, and CIO petitions for elected by the majority of the drivers and the drivers and the drivers are drivers. The CIO United Auto Workers neapolis and the nation.

As an example of the erronsous

"On or about September,

1938, a so-called 'defense

guard' was organized. This

consisted of certain members

of the union being organized

into various divisions headed

by captains. According to the

union's position, these so-call-

ed 'defense guards' were or-

ganized 'to meet the threat

of Silver Shirt leaders and

other anti-labor gangsters'

and to defend armed raid

against union halls. It was

not shown that these med-

were ever armed or did other

than general policing at their

picnics and things of that sort:

Upon the record presented to

this Court, the so-called 'de-

fense guard' is not shown to

have amounted to anything of

mination to continue to victory the

struggle for democratic industrial

Washington, D. C. - A super-

The indictments, representing Union has recently won wage the trump card played by Dan To- and the executive board of Local testified that they witnessed the years totaling more than \$125, bin and his political cronies in the 544-ClO issued a joint statement signatures. the charge of "conspiring to over-

If Tobin and his war-crazed al- ployed, Dan Tobin has persuaded wage raise, adding close to \$50,- lies thought they could thus stop Roosevelt to carry out this action 000,000 to the annual payroll. The the forward march of the CIO in in payment of his political debt to union has won an 8c hourly in- its campaign to organize the motor Tobin for past services rendered. at a peak, the fascist-like May of these members are going to feel crease at Chrysler, plus annual transport and allied workers, they It is deplorable that the functions of the U. S. Department of Jus-

Mr. Frank Barnhart, regional tice have been perverted in this director of the United Construc- reprehensible manner." The Ford contract will bring tion Workers Organizing Commitwage adjustments totaling about tee and personal representative of aken by labor in a long time. The long time. The long time was won at Packard, supplemented all know it; and we are going to louth has always been notorious louth has always been notorious louth labor in a long time. The louth labor in a long time was won at Packard, supplemented with a square point to insure that adequate bonds will be forthcoming to gain the speedy with a square point to insure that adequate bonds will be forthcoming to gain the speedy with a square point to insure that adequate bonds will be forthcoming to gain the speedy with a square point to insure that adequate bonds will be forthcoming to gain the speedy with a square point to insure that adequate bonds will be forthcoming to gain the speedy release of the persecuted unionists. Will Go Forward

their plan of revolution." "The national CIO will not be deterred by the indictments," Mr. Barnhart said, "but will continue to carry forward with all the rein the first 544 fink suit: sources at its command the campaign to organize the motor transport and allied workers in Minne-

It is anticipated that all indicted unionists will give themselves up will be held later, with a trial belishing the victory of democratic industrial unionism amid the motor transport and allied workers.

The following press statement was issued Tuesday eve by the ex-The indictments issued today by

their legal right. Morally, they of the active members and officers stole the paper from the union of Local 544-CIO are carefully readers will have nothing but con- to win the right of democratic in- Local 544-CIO from their deter-Mr. Frank Barnhart, regional

At any rate, Tobin will be balk- director of the United Construced from reaping any advantage tion Workers Organizing Commitfiliated, announced this evening

sored and fought for. The IN- "The national CIO will not be DUSTRIAL ORGANIZER will be deterred by the indictments," Mr. edited and staffed by the same Barnhart said, "but will continue ligence Information, will gather unionists who have been respon- to carry forward with all the resible these many years for the sources at its command the cam-Northwest Organizer. In all re- paign to organize the motor transspects the INDUSTRIAL ORGAN- port and allied workers in Min-

These indictments represent a new stage in Daniel Tobin's cam-Unionists and friends of labor paign, waged in connivance with into the unions to put the finger On June 28th Frank Barnhart part.

544-CIO Has the Men, That the Men Want Elections
—Drivers Come Forward from All Sections to Testify for CIO, Relate AFL Violence and Coercion-AFL Paper Mum on Hearings: What Can They Say?-Bosses Warned by 544-CIO That It Represents Majority On Wednesday the third week of hearings, on the demand of Local 544-CIO for free and democratic elec-

Hearings Before Blair Pile Up Evidence to Prove that

tions throughout the motor transport industry, got under way before state labor conciliator Alfred Blair.

At every hearing to date, without exception, Local 544-CIO, aided by rank-and-file drivers form the industry. has established its contention that

tions, signed by the majority of sen Labor Law. the drivers. Union members have

Both the national and state laworkers to his will by the other own union bargaining agent. vicious tactics which he has em-

> Every member of 544-CIO wants of their choice. an answer to that question, demands an answer.

THE ELECTIONS?

Furniture Hearing All CIO The Blair hearing on the furnireplica of the earlier hearings. ers. information upon which the indict. From company after company, For the first time in the history tried to prevent strike-breakers offices and sought to intimidate the industry, workers in the ladustry, workers in the ladustry, workers in the ladustry, workers in the ladustry of the la re- the overwhelming CIO sentiment "that if the state conciliator should Hudson Motor Car company with national CIO officials that "members planned to, among the men. Louis Chiodo, Car- desire to hold an election, the AFI plants struck through "subversive struction if they failed to obey the struction if they failed to obey the orthern brothers. This in itself influences or otherwise" and gov- orders of John L. Lewis and the hourly boost and a similar increase to insure that adequate bonds will units in which they were taught petition designating 544 as the sives and ammunitions to carry out

Chiodo testified that on two oc-The ridiculousness of this charge is made abundantly clear in the findings of Judge Paul S. Carroll,

the men." He then told how a for the final AFL reply. dozen of AFL agents, headed by Gene Williams and George union they belong to.". Wally Favorite testified as to tion.

how one boss came out and warned So heavily has the CIO scored pledge cards signed.

a serious nature." marize the arguments, the AFL Lewis, The indictments by the federal attorney, I. E. Goldberg, could no grand jury will not in the slightest longer deny that the CIO had the

it represents the majority of the men. He based his argument for

Attorneys Gilbert Carlson and William K. Thomas for 544-ClO

endeavored in good faith to combor laws specifically provide that ply with the law and obtain the workers are free to choose their elections, and that the AFL was guilty of an unfair labor practice THEN WHO IS HOLDING UP in using compulsion to prevent employees from joining the union

One of the AFL attorneys, Tom Kachelmacher, presented a strange argument when he stated that the AFL was not asking to be certified ture industry last Thursday was a as bargaining agent for the driv-

"Do you mean to say," asked

Kachelmacher indicated that that was so. Goldberg came to his rescue by jumping up and turning were present to influence the men. the argument in another direction.

Blair and Sjoselius then closed casions AFL "organizers" came to the hearing by announcing that Cardozos "in quite a number," at the question to be determined is one time numbering 30 or 40, to whether the 544-CIO petition for insist that the men sign AFL cards, an election will be granted. Blair Edward Krom, from Minneapolis, requested attorneys for both sides House Furnishings, identified the to brief their arguments. The AFL 544-CIO pledge cards signed in was ordered to have its brief in his sight. Krom emphasized that July 16th, July 23rd was set for the cards were "signed freely by the 544-CIO brief, with July 28th

CIO Case Iron-Clad With the crushing evidence sub-O'Brien, came to the company, mitted by 544-CIO, it is impossible asked for the boss, and proceeded to see how Blair can rule against to put AFL buttons on the men. the union's demand for secret elec-'The men objected," said Krom, tions to settle this dispute. Local "The men are in doubt as to what 544-CIO has established beyond all doubt the men's desire for an elec-

an employee that "You're in the over Tobin in the election hearings AEL, you don't have to sign a CIO that Casey has not dared even card." Emil Hanson, 544-CIO or- comment on the hearings in his ganizer, identified various CIO AFL papers, the Minnesota Teamster and the West Coast publica-When the time came to sum-tion edited by him and Meyer

With each day CIO sentiment

Ten Reasons Why You Should Vote for Local 544-CIO

1. Local 544-CIO stands for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living. Tobin stands for "sacrifices" on the part of labor, but not on the part of the profiteers.

2. Local 544-CIO furnished the leadership that has raised the wages, shortened the hours and won job security for the drivers and warehousemen of this city.

3. Local 544-CIO stands for honest, democratic and militant unionism. Tobin stands for dictatorship, thuggery and horse-and-buggy craft unionism.

4. Local 544-CIO elects its officers in free and democratic elections by secret ballot. Tobin's receiver appoints officers for the AFL, 5. Local 544-CIO has the backing of the great progressive

CIO industrial union movement, the dominant movement to America today. 6. Local 544-CIO has always insisted that the employers

live up to the union agreements, 7. Local 544-CIO protects its members on the job, and settles their grievances.

8. Local 544-CIO fights all finks. Tobin imitates them, 9. Local 544-CIO symbolizes the future of American unionism. Tobin and the AFL represent the dead and dving

10. Local 544-CIO is the union that Made Minneapolis Union Town and means to Keep It That Way!

544-CIO Drivers **Attend Your Section Meetings**

Attention of all Local 544-CIO members is called to the need of attending your union section meetings, in order to hear and discuss the reports, and keep up with developments in the successful fight being waged to defend our union.

Below is a list of the meetings scheduled for the remainder of this month: Stewards Friday, July 18th

Furniture, Coal, Paper and Printing Monday, July 21st **Building Material**

Transfer, Warehouse and Wholesale Drug Thursday, July 24th Cold Storage and Produce Friday, July 25th

Seniority Committee Each Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Committee Each Tuesday and Friday, 7 p. m.

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from his dog-in-the-manger ac- tee to which Local 544-CIO is af-With no interruption, Local 544- after a telephone conference with CIO this week initiates the publi- national CIO officials, that "The

may take advantage of the special government officials, to smear the on the militants. eight months' subscription offer to CIO, with the aim of terrorizing the new INDUSTRIAL ORGAN- the workers into accepting his re-IZER by mailing \$1 and their actionary dictatorship and his anname and address to 1328 Second tiquated craft-union set-up.

Donovan Heads Super-Gestapo

Gestapo, responsible only to the President of the United States. and headed by Colonel William J. Donovan, is in the process of formation, it was announced last week. Donovan, with the resounding title of Co-ordinator of Inteltogether all the "loose ends" of espionage garnered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other like agencies.

His office will also deal in "counter-espionage," which means, in plain English, sending its agents

This new super-agency is without precedent in American history. Previously, only in totalitarian nations could we find its counter-

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town - - - Let's KEEP IT That Way

To Local 544-CIO

More Pledges of Support From Nation's CIO Unions

FROM MISSOURI

Seven locals United Construction Workers this area extend congratulations to Local Union 544 on their action in affiliating with CIO. Our experience with racketeering and gangsterism of Federation here is similar to condition in Minneapolis. Federal grand jury here now investigating suggest obtaining affadavits for presentation Federal grand jury. We have discouraged violence this area. Head of Teamsters Union here fined \$5,000 last month for racketeering. James T. Nash, Sec.-Treas.

Missouri State Ind. Union Council.

- FROM SEATTLE

I have read with great interest and note the fine work you are doing to bring real trade unionism to the membership of Local 544 and eliminate the racketeering and graft.

As you know, Seattle and the state of Washington is the stronghold of the Teamsters organization under the guidance of Dave Beck and is ruled by the same iron hand and tactics employed by Mr. Tobin; the membership does not have any chance to discuss the affairs of their organization or promote policies and programs.

I feel that with the very fine start of Local 544 in Minneapolis Labor, and William H. Davis, and under your fine leadership that it will only be a matter of time chairman of the National Defense before your organization spreads throughout the length and breadth Mediation Board. Congressman of the United States.

Richard Francis, CIO Regional Director Seattle, Washington

FROM INDIANA

You can rely upon the Indiana State Industrial Union Council to support your fight for the Motor Transport and Allied Workers of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with every means at our disposal. We will do whatever we can for you. Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time. If it is a matter of circularizing our locals for support, moral or financial, if it is a matter of putting the pressure of the Indiana CIO upon political groups, regardless of the issue, the Indiana State Industrial Union Council is for you and will support you.

We can't express forcibly enough our wholehearted respect for port of these anti-labor measures the membership and leadership of Local 544. You probably have the by the majority of leadership in toughest fight on your hands that any local union has had for a great Congress, major pieces of antiwhile, and we intend to contribute our part to help you win it.

Walter Frisbie, Secretary Indiana State Industrial Union Council

Gassaway of Mine Workers Wishes Success to 544-CIO

The following wire of greetings has been received from O. E. Gassaway, member of the International board of the United Mine Workers from District 8:

PLEASE CONVEY TO THE MOTOR TRANSPORT WORKERS IN MINNEAPOLIS THE GREETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT 8, UNITED MINE WORKERS AMERICA AND THE HOPE OF THE ENTIRE MEM BRSHIP THAT LOCAL UNION NO. 544, UCWOC, WILL BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT THE REACTIONARY FORCES THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO TERRORIZE THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA AND TO DISCOURAGE HONEST UNIONISM IN THAT CITY. WISHING THE GREATEST SUCCESS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL 544 IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO BUILD AN HONEST AGGRESSIVE INDUS-TRIAL ORGANIZATION, I AM FRATERNALLY YOURS:

O. E. GASSAWAY

Why Railroad Workers Are **Demanding Wage Increases**

Chicago, Ill .- Negotiations on wage increases for the injunction imposing upon the innation's railroad workers got under way last week when dividuals responsible for the conthe employers' joint committee met separately with rep-duct of the campaign of organizresentatives of the "Big Five" train, engine and yard ser- ing the penalties set forth in the vice unions, and with the fourteen standard railroad labor brilliant analysis of the Pace, Case organizations. The unions hope that joint national nego-amendments by our general countiations involving the railroad owners and all 19 unions sel, Lee Pressman. will be forthcoming.

In justification of their demand for substantial wage increases, the railroad workers' unions point out that during the depression the emplayees took a cut of \$600,000,-

Edward Keating, editor of Labor, railway brotherhood weekly, points out that "Now the railreads are out of the 'slump' and on the high road of unparalleled prosperity.

Profits Up 73%

"For the first three months of 1941 the gross revenue of Class I carriers went up from \$968,366,-000 to \$1,152,107,000, an increase of 16,8 per cent. During the same period, the railroads' operating expenses rose only 8.2 per cent. As a onsequence, the carriers' profits rose from \$115,904,000 to \$201,-503,000, an increase of 73.9 per

"This increase in profits is not a iemporary spurt. Railroad traffic s increasing by leaps and bounds; carloadings are expected to cross the 1,000,000-a-week mark very joon. Undoubtedly railroad profits will be smashing all known records in the very near future.

"Are the railroad workers onitled to a part of those profits? Their wages are lower than those paid in any comparable industry. Furthermore, the efficiency of railroad workers has increased 43 per ent in the last four years. That's staggering fact.

"The railroad workers shared the carriers' poverty at the hottom of the depression. Are they to be denied the privilege of sharing the carriers' prosperity when the depression makes way for good

We Made Minneapolls a Union Town-Let's KEEP It That Way.

544-CIO Grievance

Committee Meets

Tuesday, Friday

Attention of all motor transport and allied workers is called to the fact that the regular meetings of the Grievance and Seniority Committees of Local 544-CIO are being held in the union hall at 1328 Secand Street North. The union Seniority Commit

tee meets each Tuesday at 7 The union Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and

Friday at 7 p. m. questions on seniority to take up, the place to discuss them is before your union committees.

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CIO Spokesman Scores FDR For Aiding Anti-Labor Bills

"Support of the (Roosevelt) administration for the Vinson Bill has become increasingly apparent," John T. Jones, CIO legislative representative, told the CIO legislative conference held July 7th in Washington.

sibility for the revised Vinson bill, however, is to be found in the fact that this revision was drawn with the advice and consultation in sev eral conferences of Sidney Hillman, Harry Millis, chairman of the Vinson, the sponsor of the bill, was referred by President Roosevelt to these administration repre-

Board. Defines CIO Attitude

sentatives for the express purpose

of revising his original bill. In-

deed, the revised version was writ-

"As your legislative representative it is necessary for me to report that given the continued suplabor legislation will, in all probability, be enacted. While professing friendship for labor and on the basis of that friendship, the months. majority leadership has pursued an anti-labor course

"Labor will not be satisfied with fair weather friends. Those who can justly claim the right to lalabor's scalp."

on the union movement was given by President Philip Murray to the CIO conference.

"Compulsory arbitration in the first instance would definitely frustrate every legitimate attempt gives to a board too much power, to organize the unorganized. Because where organizational campaigns were undertaken, the strikes might ensue as a result of the employer's refusal to recognize our right to organize. Then the law would become immediately operative, through a writ of

Would Endanger Rights . Secondly, where organizations do exist and where such organizations are recognized, and where the principle of collective bargaining has been definitely established, the promotion of true collective bargaining would also be definitely frustrated for this reason, that the employer at the beginning of the collective bargaining conference need only say 'No' to the workers' demands, always looking down to the end of that road where the arbitration board would hear the

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"Majority leaders have refused to express any opposition to the measure publicly More direct respon-

Sign o' the Times 70% of National Labor Relations Board, Dan Tracy, assistant Secretary of Mail Order Prices Up

The new fall and winter catalog issued by Montgomery Ward & Co. reveals that prices on 70 per cent of the merchandise have been marked up over the previous cataten by William Davis, chairman of log. the National Defense Mediation

In addition, a special insert con tains a "hedge" clause pointing out the possibility of higher prices. "It may be necessary on some items," the insert reads, "to refuse or delay your order, substitute materials or ask for a higher price."

Time-payment terms have been somewhat tightened. On tires and tubes, terms are now 25 per cent cash and the balance in three equal monthly payments, against claiming labor's political support the former twelve to eighteen

Price advances are conspicuous in textiles, sheets and sheeting, shoes, tires, refrigerators, etc.

The "Treasure Chest" sheet now costs \$1.14, against \$1; "Longpress are howling the loudest for per cent higher, with the biggest out to reporters. percentage gains in the lowest-A clear explanation of WHY it price competitive casings. Electric that "Mr. Lewis was reported to is vital for organized labor to op- refrigerator prices have risen from have been most vigorous in his defasten compulsory arbitration up- from \$79.95 to \$91.50 on another. Mr. Hillman (Sidney Hillman,

"And thirdly, and perhaps most important, compulsory arbitration the lives of countless millions of al Defense Mediation Board." people and it gives to a board the right to regulate hours of labor, conditions of employment and wages; and those three things mean life, life itself, to the workers of this nation

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CIO Mobilizes Strength to Defeat Anti-Labor Bills

can people know whether the duly elected representatives of the whole people are going to be coerced and intimidated into voting against the bill to prevent coercion and intimidation of other Americans."

Through the hysterical misrepresentation of the CIO's campaign by Smith there is revealed the very effective pressure technique used by the CIO.

CIO "Visits" Politicians

Other Washington stories gave further details. President Philip Murray himself called on Roosevelt and demanded the latter call off his dogs in the House and Senate. Thomas Kennedy, secretary treasurer of the United Mine Workers, led the CIO delegation that called on Speaker Rayburn and Representative MacCormack, Democratic leader in the House. Kennedy reported the meeting was 'very satisfactory."

Yet another CIO committee Labor's Non-Partisan League, talk- pressive and anti-labor bills now ed with Vice President Henry A. pending in Congress. The proposed tion to defeat the dangerous legis- with the "proper" slave-in Wallace. Numerous smaller CIO legislation is aimed at eliminating lation. committees visited House mem- the right to strike, imposing com-

Following visits from the CIO, the whole tone of debate in the House changed remarkably. One Congressman, Baldwin of New York, even went so far as to suggest that perhaps "some of the labor unrest was attributable to the profits made by corporations having defense contracts" - not that Baldwin thought for one moment that there was "undue pro-

Baldwin named the General Mo-\$1,340 each; Standard Oil of New Jersey, \$1,620 each, etc.

chief, addressed the CIO conference July 7th which went on recbor's support must defend labor wear" sheet, 92 against 77c; ord to condemn the anti-labor bills and all of labor's rights, especially "Economy" sheet, 83c against and to hold accountable all conin times when it is difficult to do 69c. Prices on women's shoes gressmen who vote for them. so, when labors' ancient enemies, range from 4 to 20c a pair higher. Though Lewis spoke to a closed and the traditionally anti-labor Tire prices average as much as 10 meeting, news of his talk leaked

Thus the N. Y. Times reported head of the Amalgamated Clothing strike at the Inglewood, Calif., plant of North American Aviation, entirely too much power. It gives Inc., and to have expressed renewto a board the right to regulate ed dissatisfaction with the Nation-

The same account said that

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Lewis charged Hillman with responsibility for certification of the soft coal strike to the Mediation Board. Lewis pointed out to the CIO delegates that his Union had obtained a much better settlement with the Southern soft coal opera-

Mediation Board.

One of Hillman's cronies, Jacob Potofsky, acting President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Hillman's absence, sought to defend Roosevelt and Hillman. He claimed Hillman had something to do with the CIO victories over Ford and Bethlehem Steel, and charged Lewis with "playing poli-

tors than that suggested by the

CIO Policy

Following the discussion, the CIO conference adopted the following declaration of policy:

"Organized labor, under the leadership of the CIO, has made tremendous strides forward in recent years. This onward march is headed by John Jones, director of being seriously threatened by repulsory arbitration and generally to frustrate organizing efforts

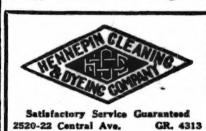
among the unorganized workers. tional and international unions and organizing committees and State industrial union councils assembled in conference today hereby adopt the following program:

"All pending bills in Congress which curtail in any way the rights of labor, such as the May and Connally bills, the Vinson bill and the Ball bill are severely condemned. tors Corporation as earning \$978 Those representatives in Congress in profits for each worker; Ameri- who support such legislation must can Telephone & Telegraph, \$725 understand that they are assuming bated. profit for each worker; U. S. Steel, a position inimical to organized \$393 each; duPont de Nemours, labor and will be so understood."

The conference adopted further resolutions demanding increased John L. Lewis, United Miners WPA appropriations and opposing increased taxation upon the work-

Roosevelt Backs Water

In a belated attempt to conceal ty. the fact that it is he, through his strike-breaking actions at the North American Aviation dispute and his behind-the-scenes manipulations, who has been largely re pose and defeat all attempts to \$89.95 to \$101.50 on one model, nunciation of the President and paign against the unions, President fronted with the mobilization of CIO power, backtracked and let it Army to break the UAW-CIO he opposed the labor-hating bills.



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The 400,000 WPA workers who have been thrown off their jobs by Roosevelt and Congress can take considerable consolation in the fact that through their sacrifices they are furnish-ing part of the funds to enable Wall Street to have an army capable of protecting its interests in all parts of the world.

It took the yearly jobs of 118,300 WPA workers to buy one 35,000 ton battleship (\$70,-000,000). Here are some other exam-

ples of the High Cost of War: 37-millimeter anti-aircraft gun \$20,000

37-millimeter anti-tank gun \$5,000 105-millimeter howitzer \$25,000

Medium tank-\$38,500 Heavy bomber-\$350,000 Light bomber-\$135,000 Barrage balloon-\$5,400 8-inch railway gun-\$195,000 16-inch shell and explosives Torpedo-\$8,500.

Roosevelt's statement came only after the CIO delegation had made unmistakably plain its determina- replaced by Southern gent

Labor Needs Own Party The successful CIO mobilization to defeat the Balls and the Mays furnished only a hint of the po-"The delegates of all the na- litical power inherent in organized labor if it but only organize its general racial equality, forces independently of the two old boss parties.

> As it is, the CIO can occasionally muster the strength to fight defensive actions of this nature against the boss-controlled Congress. Even so, it is fighting a los- gia" was added by Dean Co ing battle, as witness the accept- himself, who stoutly denied the ance by Congress of Roosevelt's had ever advocated racial eq plea to slash WPA, and the reac- in or out of the schools. tionary tax bills now being de-

If labor had a political party of its own, it could begin to take to establish freedom and de the offensive against the bosses, racy on the surface of the pla and start rolling up victories on Earth. labor's side of the ledger. On the order of the day for the 1942 and 1944 elections is the launching of a national independent labor par-

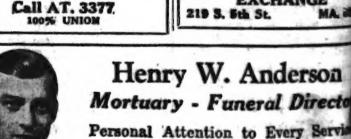
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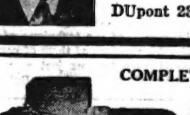


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colored students should air

Governor Talmadge, a product, blew up when he the news. He promptly are the resignations of five of a gents. Several resigned and attitude towards the Negro w July 14th the new board of re met and voted, 10 to 5, not employ Dr. Cocking. A new was placed against Cocking he had even gone so far as to

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Aircraft Union at Inglewood, California, Wins Its they will with the dropping off of Basic Demand for 75c Minimum, 10c Wage Boost, government orders, a workable take up the fight again against the Overtime, Vacations — After Militancy Shown in seniority agreement must be nego- Drivers Union. Six years ago I the government's persecution of Strike, Company Didn't Dare Give Less

The North American Aircraft Corporation workers, employment. ing at last the benefits of their militant strike, have signed a contract which their paper, the United Aubile Worker, calls "one of the best in the industry." July 1, ten thousand workers, gathered in two gigan- plant committee for each shift is ass meetings for night and

ers after a three month training

and holidays, time and one-half for

Workers with one year or more

service will receive 40 hours vaca-

tion pay. All other workers will

be granted the same vacation when

they have attained one year's ser-

vice. All employees who are draft-

clause, which was agreed upon

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cept it, provides that all employes

who are now members of the

union, or any such workers who

become members of the union.

must maintain their union mem-

bership in good standing as a con-

Seniority in hiring and firing

will prevail. The present condi-

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vorkers, ratified the new conunanimously.

tile it is argued that this concame as the result of arbin between the union, the any and the National Labor to May 1. se Board, it is obvious that a sweeping victory could not been won had not the workers elves demonstrated on the t line their determination and militancy. The membership is local was subjected to the severe pressure ever leveled at any group of workers. It the Federal Government and roops to finally dislodge and rse the picket line.

Won Their Demands rms of the new contract in -a general ten cents an hour increase, starting pay set at per hour, classification into own wage group for all work-



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tiated. All employees go on the seniority lists after three months I have no stomach for the fight.

Union Committees

There is to be one chief steward for every 250 men. A five-man recognized as an appeal board on week. All benefits are retroactive three-man panel which shall be Yet I left town defeated. composed of one representative from the union, one from the company, and one from a list submitted by Dr. John R. Steelman, di-

bor's Concilliation Service. The contract will be in force to ed will receive 80 hours pay when July 1, 1942. There are several minor provisions which in themselves represent a decisive victory for the workers. For instance, the company can no longer attempt to destroy the militancy of stewards and union representatives by making them foremen.

of this new contract, the AFL Machinists local at North American is withdrawing from the AFL and joining the CIO in a body.

The UAW-CIO membership in Inglewood, their negotiating committee, and their international spread boom, makes seniority an union, deserve the praise which is being heaped upon them by the national labor movement for this at the present time, the contract contract. In itself, the agreement represents two things-the effectiveness of industrial organization. and the bankruptcy of the old methods at all-including the use old men. of guns and clubs.

The Soliloquy of Meyer Lewis

(The scene below transpires in a hotel room. Alone, Meyer Lewis, AFL representative who walked out of the fight against 544 to take a job with a West Coast employer, is talking to himself.)

Here am I, back in Minneapolis, sent here by William Green to tried to fight this same union. Now I came to Minneapolis in September, 1935, to announce that the American Federation of Labor would open here its national campaign to fight communism. Dan Tobin and I announced that the grievances not settled by the stew- AFL outlawed 574 forever. Then period, double time for Sundays ards. All discharges and other I had the support of the Citizens grievances not settled through ne- Alliance, of the police, of friendly evertime in excess of 40 hours per gotiations are to be referred to a elements in the union movement.

> I cannot see any but the same issue to this fight today. To be sure. Dan has the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of rector of the U. S. Dept. of La- Investigation to back up his redbaiting. But I have heard that the CIO will stand behind 544. If that is so, will it not be too risky for the government to carry out the plan which it has launched?

> > (He crosses the room and throws himself down on the bed.)

There comes a crisis in the life of every man when he must decide for himself whether to continue to It is reported, that, as a result the end of his days on the path he has taken, or to strike out on a new path.

Here I have this offer from the Flotill cannery, at \$25,000 a year. Shall I grasp this opportunity, accept this haven?

What if I stay with the American Federation of Labor? I really have no faith in the future of this organization, no faith in men like Bill Green, Woll, Tobin, Hutchi-

I know them well. Jack Lewis craft unionism, represented by the these men, and found nothing that oppose them. AFL bureaucracy, which is now there. That is too true. Life is fighting for its life by covering passing over organization and men the cannery and build "socialism" itself with a blanket of psuedo- of this type. Neither Green nor for Meyer Lewis. Why should I patriotism and strangling the life Tobin has any faith in the future care about the rest? I could stay of its member unions with any of the AFL. They are demoralized on with Bill Green if I wished. He

old man in his way, sold the AFI to the government in return for the AFL's chief rival, the IWW. But the five million strong CIO is not so vulnerable as the IWW. That possibility is not open today

to the AFL. They are tired men, bewildered by the course of events, hating and fearing these young unskilled workers streaming into the union movement through the CIO. And I am tired, too. For the AFL, I see no future. They have told me they plan no new organizing efforts. They have no faith that they can even hold their own, under

To be docile enough not to draw down the wrath of the employers and the government on our heads -and to be just enough aggresive to win a few cents an hour more, now and then, for the skilled men at the expense of the unskilled. That is the narrow grounds upon which the AFL has sought to stand. And under pressure of both sides, that ground is now disappearing beneath our feet.

Yes, the future of unionism belongs to men of a different stripe -to men like those leading 544. Such men are alien to me. have no liking for them. Their views are too bold, their aim too far-reaching. They talk of socialism, they seem to mean it, they dream of the day when the world will be so organized that every person will have security, opportunity, a chance at happiness.

To me, that is a mad dream. shall leave the field to them, to said he had explored the minds of fight it out with the mighty forces ship until the last moment.

Why, I can accept this job with has promised to take care of me. In 1917 Samuel Gompers, a wise But why not leave this life of

strife and turmoil, of being in Frisco today, in Minneapolis the next, in Buffalo the next?

Am I, then, a traitor, to the workers' cause? Why, not at all. In my post as labor relations man for the cannery, I can help the among the city's motor transport toilers by throwing them something here or there.

I'll take the job.

(He crosses to the phone and puts in a long-distance call to William Green.)

Hotel Unions In Revolt at **AFL Trickery**

Officials of the three AFL Minneapolis locals comprising employ- more men sign up in the CIO. ees of 14 loop hotels were put right on the spot Sunday evening by an enraged membership meet- gone CIO long ago." ing of 900 workers determined to win their demands.

These hotel employees, members of the Cooks and Waiters, Mis- of all the major employer groups cellaneous Workers, and Bartend- and their labor relation men, and ers, had drawn up demands for a to those individual companies not 15 per cent wage increase. Hotel represented in group negotiations workers here are paid less than WPA workers. The men received the old run-around from a threeman commission appointed by Gov- that of 544-CIO, upholding the ernor Stassen. The commission right of the union to represent recommended the hotels throw a the men. sop to its employees in the form of a 21/2 per cent wage increase for all receiving \$30 or more, and treasurer, follows: a 5 per cent increase for those receiving less than \$30 weekly. The union strike notice expired Sunday at midnight.

That evening 900 of the 1,500 workers involved met at Pioneer Hall, and were outraged to hear from Al Kilday, business agent of the Bartenders Union Local 152, that ON JUNE 13TH he had received a letter from the International rejecting the men's strike vote. When members stormily demanded to know why Kilday hadn't notified them before of the strike ban, Kilday weakly replied the International had told him to keep the news from the member-

CIO Sentiment Strong The meeting was in a turmoil. From every side arose cries: "Let's go to the CIO." "Traitors, double-crossers."

Despite efforts of Kilday, the meeting voted unanimously to strike. It appeared that some of the officers of the unions involved were collaborating with Kilday against the memberships.

The meeting set up a committee to phone International President Flore and demand he withdraw his strike ban. The committee finally reached the evasive Flore at 7:30 Monday morning, only to receive an unsatisfactory

The militant attitude of the nembership forced the employers' egotiating committee to resume negotiations with the union. It was rumored that International officials, confronted with a united membership determined to win their demands even if it meant expulsion from the International, the union told Land. had backed down and agreed to approve a strike.

There was several things you could say for war: War gave the workers guns, and taught them to use them; how would it be if some day they turned these guns about and fought their own battle?-UPTON SINCLAIR, JIMMY HIG-

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drivers grows.

The AFL, though it continues to try to hold section meetings and to negotiate with the employers, only testifies anew to its failure to understand and meet the problems of the men and the industry.

One cement block driver who attended the AFL meeting said, After attending that meeting. KNOW I want to be CIO." He tole how one fink in the meeting complained that wages were too high, a complaint received sympathetically by the Tobin organizers. The more meetings the AFL holds, the On every side now one hears workers exclaim: "We should have

Union Warns Employers

Local 544-CIO this week mailed a communication to the chairman warning the bosses anew that the nation's courts have handed down decisions, in cases very similar to

Text of the letter, signed by Kelly Postal, union secretary-

"We want to remind you again that Motor Transport and Allied Industrial Union Local 544-CIO has been designated as their collective bargaining agent by a majority of the employees, working for the employers whom you represent.

"During the past several weeks hearings have been conducted by Alfred P. Blair, state labor conciliator, upon our petitions for secret elections to determine by whom the men want to be represented. Our membership cards and representation petitions would warrant us in asking the conciliator to certify our Union as the representative of the employees working for the employers whom you represent. Nevertheless we believe that the men should have the opportunity to secretly select their collective bargaining agent. That is why we are pressing for the earliest possible elections.

"Please understand that in this interim, any contract you might sign with a union which is later turned down by the men will be attacked with all the vigor at our command once our union is certified.

"In this connection we believe you will be interested in a very recent decision of the National Labor Relations Board, the case of Vincent Steel Process Company and International Union et al. (32 NLRBB 158), decided June 21, 1941.

"'Closed shop contracts between company and nationally-affiliated Union constitutes no bar to representation proceedings where company has knowledge of rival nationally affiliated unions' claim prior to signing of contract and prior to date when original contract to which it was supplementary automatically renewed itself."

"Our attorneys also advise us that the National Labor Relations Board and the State Labor Relations Board have made repeated rulings of identical effect. As typical illustrations, they refer to National Distillers Products Corporation appearing in Volume 7. Labor Relations Reporter, page 525 and the case of Insuline Corporation of America appearing at Volume 7, Labor Relations Reporter, page

Vote 544-CIO

When the elections are granted, as they must be, we know the eligible workers will stand as one and vote for honest unionism, for union democracy, for industrial unionism, for Local 544-CIO.

Study the ten reasons why you should vote for Local 544-CIO. Think of the benefits you have won through your union in the past years, think of the progressive changes wrought by your union since 1934, think of your responsibility as union men to defend and uphold decent unionism and the rights of free men.

Sailors Union Protests Wage Cuts by U. S. Army

The United States Army Transport service is taking over Pacific Goast ships, converting them into army transports and carriers, and in ALL cases replacing union crews with non-union crews at scab wages, the Sailors Union of the Pacific has protested to Emory S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

"The U. S. Army transport service is today engaged in a wagecutting practice which will have a far-reaching effect on present conditions established for seamen.'

"For years our union has had contracts with private operators for these ships, and certain wages and overtime and working conditions were set by stipulation and regulated. Now comes the Army transport service and runs these ships and puts into effect wage scales and conditions far below the standard set on the Pacific

The union charges that th Army action violates the pledge of President Roosevelt that "under no circumstances would social gains btained by the workers be jeepardized by the defense program.' The Sailors Union is one of the few AFL unions that hasn't laid

down completely in the face of the

government's war program.

The union protest involves ships formerly privately operated and manned by SUP crews, now engaged in carrying supplies and cargo for the Army between the States and Alaska. Crews on these vessels "are paid way below the current scale paid by private op erators in that run for the same work," the union told Chairman

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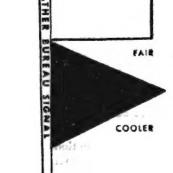
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The union executive heard therefore has moved to accept for reinstall out into Local 544, CIO, an members who have become delinquent in dues under the old set-up. Reinstatement can be affected by the payment of the current mouth's dues of 52.00

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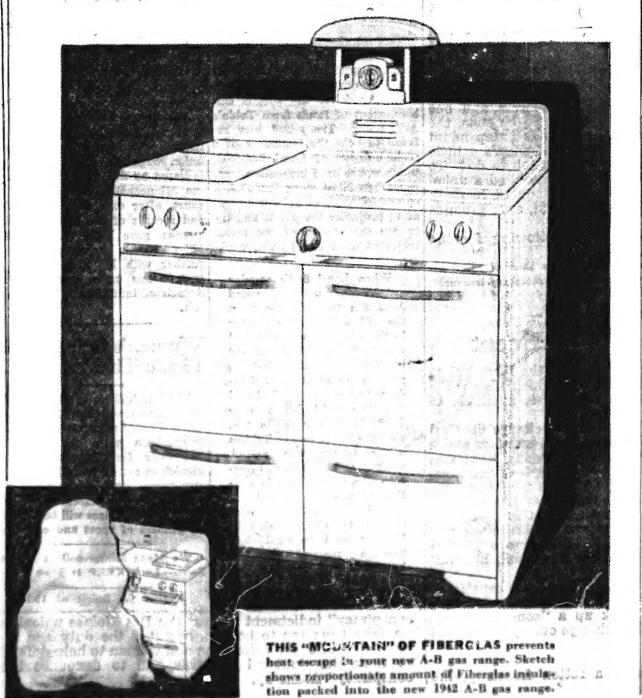
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Why Tobin Fights the Elections

Over one month has passed since the regular June membership meeting of Local 544 voted overwhelmingly to disaffiliate from Tobin's union and join the CIO.

The record of both Local 544-CIO and of Tobin's forces since that date is crystal clear, for all workers to see and understand.

From the very first day, Local 544-CIO has demanded and fought for democratic industry-wide secret elections where the workers themselves can decide their choice of union bargaining agent.

From the very first day, Tobin and his agents have stubbornly and bitterly, through the most violent and unprincipled methods, resisted this democratic demand for secret elections.

Local 544-CIO has demanded elections because this union knows the motor transport and allied workers of this city, has faith in them, and is confident that this

union will win the elections hands down. Tobin KNOWS that such a fate awaits him. Tobin KNOWS that in a show-down such as an election will constitute, that the drivers will have a chance to register freely their honest convictions about Tobin's vicious and brutal brand of bureaucratic unionism. Tobin knows he faces defeat in the elections. And Tobin is looking beyond that. And what he sees frightens him half to death.

The elections will establish before all people the right of Local 544-CIO to represent the motor transport and allied workers of this city. This will not only be a triumph for Local 544 and the Minneapolis drivers. It will be a triumph for clean and modern industrial union-

ism, as represented by the CIO. Even better than we, Tobin knows that his dictatorship over the organized drivers of America is crumbling in hundreds of cities and towns. A bureaucrat like Tobin the fact that it means to roll over and play dead in the cannot function in the union movement for 35 years without provoking the hatred of hundreds of thousands of honest workers devoted to democratic union principles.

Today, these drivers, all over the nation, have their eyes keenly set on Minneapolis. A new hope is springing up in their breasts. In every roadside "coffee-and" where the drivers relax and chin a bit, the big question is being anxiously debated: "Will 544 be able to beat old man struggle and looking for ways to help 544 beat Tobin

With the elections held and Local 544-CIO's triumph recorded, the drivers of this nation will surge towards the CIO with the irresistible power of a river that has overflowed its banks.

Tobin's whole imposing apparatus will unravel with terrifying speed. A few old men will be left in Indianapolis, with no one to represent. They will have their illusions and a fat union treasury—and nothing else.

When that day comes, as come it will, it will be a day for the workers of America to celebrate. It will be as important a day to the workingclass of people as the day the CIO was founded by the industrial unions. Every act of Tobin's since June 9th shows that this

dictator from Indianapolis is aware of the fate in store for him, that he is throwing caution to the winds, disregarding every principle of decent unionism, recklessly lashing out to preserve his power and privileges.

As in the unfolding of the classic tragedies of old Tobin is rushing to meet his fate, fighting with the only weapons he knows how to use, grasping at every straw In this fight, Tobin, a life-long Democrat and member of the national committee of the Democratic Party, is not averse to allying himself with the Republican politicians in the Minneapolis courthouse and the state capitol. He is not averse to conniving with the employers, with the police, with the FBI, that American Gestapo. Any weapon and any person or organization, no matter how anti-labor. just so it will permit itself to be used in the fight against Local 544 and the CIO.

Tuesday Tobin played his trump card. Moving through his political friend, President Roosevelt, Tobin drew indictments for "revolutionary conspiracy" from the St. Paul federal grand jury, against the leadership of Local 544-CIO. Tobin resorts even to this hated weapon of oppression borrowed from Czarist Russia, to defeat the honest men and women of Minneapolis.

Will Tobin's trump card win for him? Calmly we answer: Union principles say no. The CIO says no. Every liberal in America concerned with civil liberties and workers' rights says no.

Tobin will fail. The Tobin brand of ineffective, bossminded, corrupt and dictatorial craft unionism will fade from the American scene. In its place will arise a new unionism-honest, militant, industrial, powerful. A new day will dawn for the workers of this mighty nation.

AFL Organizers Quit, Join Bosses

The Duluth Labor World reported last week that AFL organizer Meyer Lewis, in Minneapolis on a special assignment from William Green in connection with 544, has resigned to accept a position as manager of a West

of organization for the AFL, has resigned to accept a posi- attack them. tion with a distillery company.

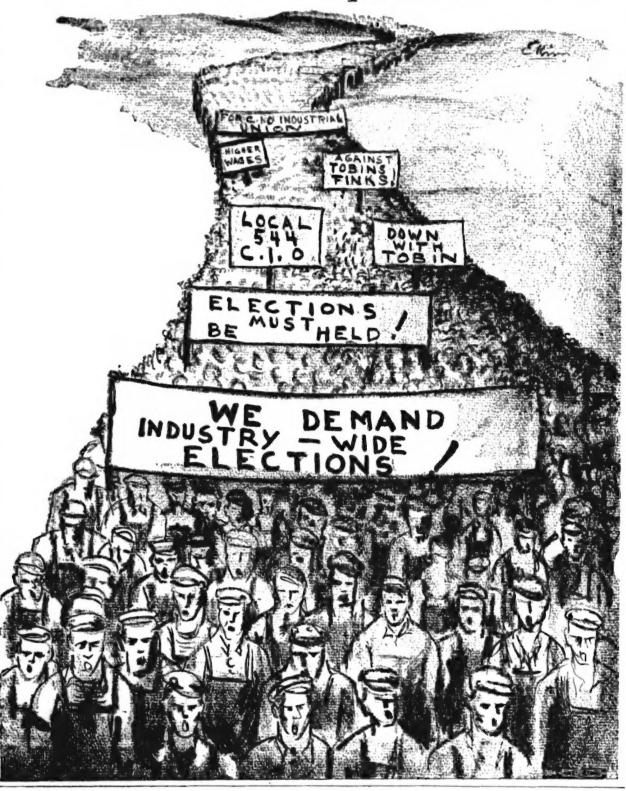
that AFL Organizer Frank Dillon has sent his resignation leader of the Des Moines union. On Tuesday Keul was to Green, to take the "labor relations post' with Sea- sentenced to three years in prison on charges of "conspir-

within one week, disclose several significant facts about and denounced the fraudulent nature of this frame-up, the American Federation of Labor.

Labor, those most closely identified with the reactionary the motion by union attorneys for a new trial, and has eraft-union war on industrial unionism, would hardly sentenced Keul. resign if they retained any faith in the future of the AFL or of the kind of unionism sponsored by the AFL. When has connived with the FBI and the Department of Justice a trio of AFL Big Shots jump overboard at this stage, it and President Roosevelt, to cook up a "conspiracy" in-

Had the AFL executive council any intention of conducting any serious organization work, it is probable it

The Drivers' Own Aquatennial Parade



would have gone to considerable lengths to prevent its organizing staff from being disrupted, as it must be by the resignation of Lewis, Fenton and Dillon.

What is likely is that the executive council has spread face of the war crisis confronting the country. So far as the AFL top leadership is concerned, it doesn't want workers "stirring up trouble" by organizing and demanding wage increases to meet the war prices.

That leading AFL organizers should find it an easy matter to step into fat jobs with the employers should surprise no participant in the labor movement. The AFL top leadership has always been a good deal closer to the Tobin?" Active members and officers of the Teamsters bosses than it has to the workers. Each of the three, Union from New York to California are discussing this through his activities in crushing union militancy, preventing union organization and jamming lousy agreements down the throats of the workers, has no doubt earned many times over his right to a juicy job with the

One of the great aims of every honest unionist concerned with the future and effectiveness of the labor movement must be to help rid the movement of the type of labor leader who would even consider deserting the workers' cause to join the enemy camp. There have been all too many labor skates who look upon the union movement only as a stepping stone to cushy jobs with the employers or to political advancement. The sooner the Fen. to a penny of the union's propertons and Dillons leave the movement—whether by resig- ties, the statement points out that nation or by being booted out-the better it will be for the union membership had specifiorganized labor.

Raw Deal Reaches the Salad Course union enemies.

In the middle of June Raw Deal Neal, Mr. Tobin's ship meeting wherein over four falling into the hands of union dictator-receiver, came to Minneapolis and sat himself thousand voted unanimously to enemies. The leaders of Local 544down to the Teamsters Joint Council table for dinner. leave the AFL and join the CIO CIO will account for every cent to Despite increasing alarm on the part of the host, Raw also passed a motion instructing the union membership, as they Deal continues to sup, to gnaw, to wipe his greasy fingers the officers to take all necessary have always done. on the best table linen, and to bellow for more food. steps to defend the union's prop-

He has gone through the meat course and the fish erty. course. He has swallowed 544 and 359. With a flatulent sigh, he has now arrived at the salad course—the Ice Drivers Union.

Last Friday he pulled the salad before him and began to stuff. To be precise, he announced that Tobin bin's agents, the Hennepin county had appointed him receiver of Local 221.

Naturally, elections had to be held. The lone ballot ments against Miles Dunne and was cast-by Raw Deal Neal. Raw Deal voted for three Kelly Postal for the alleged emindependent truck owners, three day laborers and one bezzlement of funds from Tobin's of Tobin's imports as the seventh man. To be sure, the AFL union. The grand jury re- with suits and legal actions of this Teamsters International constitution forbids independent fused to hear the testimony of a nature. For over three years our truck owners to sit as union officers. But what's a little representative of Local 544-CIO, union fought a similar court action constitution when Tobin and Neal have a job to do? To which would have immediately exinitiated by five finks financed by of this nation. be sure, one of Neal's appointees hasn't attended a union posed this latest move for what it the Mir neapolis employers. The meeting in 11 years, and is months' delinquent in dues. is, another trick of Tobin's design- court, after examining the books But what are union principles to Raw Deal, save grounds ed to prejudice the public and try and records of the union for six

Raw Deal is still hungry. He's bellowing for the

P. S. We forgot to record a side dish Raw Deal disposed of The Cab Drivers Union has a new chairman and secretary-treasurer His name is harold seavey.

The "Conspiracy" Indictment

One of the foulest legal weapons that the labor-haters possess is the "conspiracy" indictments, which they wield The same paper reports that Frank Fenton, director against unionists when no other weapon is available to

Latest victim of the "conspiracy" charge is Carl The Toledo AFL paper further reported last week Keul, international representative of the Teamsters and a ing" to ruin the business of a Des Moines trucking firm. These three resignations of top AFL organizers, all In previous issues the Northwest Organizer has exposed brought by a vicious labor-hating boss against Keul and The top organizers of the American Federation of four other unionists. Now Judge Ladd has overruled

Does the fact that the head of Keul's International resembles all too closely a picture of rats leaving a leaky dictment against Local 544-CIO, change our opinion about the Keul case?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE.

Carl Keul is the victim of a rotten frame-up, the "conspiracy" frame-up,

Thoughts While Reading The Minnesota Teamster

From the shrill noise Casey's Minnesota Teamster makes, a fellow would get the idea that the property of Local 544 belonged to Daniel J. Tobin. However, 544's board has the crazy notion that 544's property belongs to the membership that donated it, and that specifically instructed and authorized the officers to defend it, and that Tobin isn't entitled to that 544 paid its leaders a salary a plug nickel. 544-CIO will con- of \$50 a week. That IS horrible tinue to protect the union property to Holy Joe, who drags down many

So Casey dares to bring up the organizational expenses credited to Farrell Dobbs. Now that's dangerous - for the Caseys. Those expenses were incurred by Dobbs in furthering the organization of over-road drivers. Local 544, exactly like many other locals in the 11-state area, put up the money for this work because they were determined to bring the benefits of unionism to the over-road men. It was these local unions who carried the ball in the overroad campaign. Dan Tobin sat on his fat treasury in Indianapolis, and didn't even deign to give official recognition to the Union Area Committee until the job was done and the first contract signed.

And Casey wants to bring up the loans 544 made to various stewards. Fair enough, Casey. The stewards who owe 544 money are found in the ranks of the Quislings. You make a lot of noise, Casey, and tell a lot of lies, but

has shown in numerous ways

that it means to stick to that

Under Membership Instructions

The union membership further

instructed its leaders, and ordered

necessary steps to conserve the

"The \$2,500 check to

"cash" referred to in the in-

dictment was drawn for this

purpose. The \$1,000 cashier's

check was made out a year

ago during the first fink suit,

for the same purpose, to as-

sure that union funds could

not be tied up in legal pro-

further with his new fink suits

against this union than did the

Associated Industries in the earlier

Women's Co-op Guild

The South Minneapolis Women's

Co-op Guild will hold its annual

pienic Friday noon, July 18th, at

Powderhorn park, for members

and their families and friends.

Picnickers are asked to bring their

own noon picnie lunch. Cups for

coffee and other refreshments will

be furnished. Prizes will be award-

ed winners of races and contests.

We Made Minneapolis a Union

Town-Let's KEEP It That Way.

Revive the Spirit of 1934

Picnic This Friday

544-CIO Statement

Tobin's Agents Connive with Grand Jury for Indictments

Entitled to Nothing from Union Save Contempt-

Union Membership Had Instructed Officers to Con-

serve Union Property from Enemies-Tobin's Fink

The Hennepin County grand jury indictment of Miles

decision.

Dunne and Kelly Postal for alleged "embezzlement" is

"another trick of Tobin's designed to prejudice the public

and try to sap the morale of the motor transport drivers

and allied workers," the executive board of Local 544-CIO

vent it falling into the hands of and authorized them to take all

The June 9th regular member- union's property and prevent it

to sap the morale of the motor months, gave Local 544 a clean

transport drivers and allied work- bill of health. Tobin will get no

'conspiracy" indictment against the Des Moines unionists

is a fake from top to bottom, and it is the duty and re-

sponsibility of every union man and woman to help defend

the remaining indicted unionists and to denounce the

Hits Indictments

Of County Jury

Suits as Foul as the Bosses' Fink Suit

charged Tuesday in a public statement.

Pointing out that Tobin is nei-

ther legally nor morally entitled

cally instructed its leaders to pro-

tect the union property and pre-

Full text of the 544-CIO board

Through the connivance of To-

grand jury has returned indict-

When Local 544's regular

membership meeting voted

June 9th to withdraw from

the AFL and accept a charter

in the CIO, the union turned

over to Tobin all he is entitled

to: the AFL charter and the

paid-up per capita tax. Inci-

dentally, since 1936 Local

544 has paid Tobin over

\$130,000 in per capita tax,

almost enough to pay Tobin's

salary during this period,

without receiving back in re-

turn one cent. Tobin is enti-

tled to nothing from Local

544. Legal decisions in cases

similar to that existing in

Minneapolis have established

that the property of the union

belongs to the membership.

The membership of Local 544

has voted to join the CIO and

statement follows:

Casey says that the 544 CIO leadership would please Pegler. But Pegler has already publicly taken a position on this dispute-on the side of Tobin and Holy Joe and Raw Deal. Facts are stubborn things. Casey feigns horror at the fact

"As soon as the trusteeship has ended, an election of new officers will be held," croaks Raw Deal. Sure, sure, sure. Only the records show that once Tobin gets his foul hooks on a union, union democracy is done for. Red O'Laughlin should be able to present interesting testimony on this

MOVIE DEPT. I still say the best film ever made was "The Informer."

Raw Deal's done it again. He's "elected" a new board, this time for the ghost of the Warehouse Union. A prediction: Before Raw Deal gets over his election jag, there's going to be an awful lot of unfamiliar faces at the Teamsters Joint Council meeting. But they'll represent precious few union workers.

Casey's got Tobin's bankroll, and of 99-but 544-CIO has the membership. The state labor board hearings show that.

er Lewis, has thrown up the sponge, and decided to take his cut directly from the bosses. Smart man, Meyer. He remembers the beating we gave him in 1935-and he know we are going to win this battle, too. Casey's papers didn't carry any news on Meyer's desertion. Speak up, Holy Joe. And make it good.

Old man Near, publisher of the old Twin City Reporter and Saturday Press, must turn over in his grave with envy at the Star Bangled copper-hearted sheet put out by Casey. Casey's got an angle Near never thought of - putting the union label on a sheet aimed at wrecking the spearhead of unionism.

Under the pounding from Tobin's imported agents, the Teamsters Council has moved so far off the union base already that it is issuing blank checks to the labor-hating Kline. Witness Davidson's "happy" pledge of support to Kline. Not a word about Kline's appointment of a com-

The FBI has now admitted it planted men in Local 544 as agents provacateur (provocative agents). It would be extremely interesting today to know just what these undercover FBI agents are doing to disrupt the union and unionism in Minneapolis. Some day THAT story will come out, too. And Tobin's going to have a lot of explaining to do to the workingmen

General President Tobin." it in the editorial on page eight of Casey's rag.

times that amount on Tobin's pay-

Two issues of the Minnesota Teamster, the spiritual successor to the Twin City Reporter-and still no explanation as to why Tobin and his Quislings oppose secret democratic elections among the drivers for a bargaining agent. the FBI cops and the Committee

Casey's running-mate, Mey-

pany cop as chief of police.

The Minnesota Teamster now boasts of the "NEW "ORDER created here by We are not jesting, you'll find By gosh, the Indianapolis

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Motor Transport and Allied Worker Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

July 1, 1941-Sausage, Petroleum July 3, 1941-Greenhouse and In-July 7, 1941—Package Delivery and Department Store July 8, 1941-Lumber July 9, 1941-Market and Whole July 11, 1941-Wholesale Grocery July 14, 1941-General Membership

July 17, 1941.—Tent and Awning, Newspaper, 10 A. M. Ways and Means, I.T.O. July 18, 1941-Stewards

July 21, 1941-Furniture, Coal, Pa-July 22, 1941 - Building Material

July 24, 1941-Transfer, and Wholesale Brug Produce Produce July 28-Spring Water

All regular meetings start at

Stewards, 4th Monday